

Bloomfield Record.

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A Specious Humbug Shown Up.

The *Saturday Gazette* comes out with another of its periodicals—appeals for aid and comfort from the people of this place. This latest contortion, which is aptly entitled "Our Scheme," seems to merit a little ventilation or gratuitous advertising from THE BLOOMFIELD RECORD.

The *Gazette* editors, having got along with a part of their first volume, now propose to eat it short and "begin a new year." By this strategic movement, it will be seen, they hope to have a new lot of subscribers coming in and paying their subscriptions in advance, thus filling up the empty treasury. As a tempting bait, there is an abatement in price, amounting to a "shrinkage" of one hundred per cent!

Bitterly as is the situation of the *Gazette*, just now, few of us will regard the flag of distress which flutters in each of those italicized lines,—"If paid before the 1st of January."

The distressed mariner sometimes finds it necessary to run his water-logged craft ashore to keep her from sinking; and then all kindly-disposed humane people are expected to hasten to his assistance. But when an individual, after a long course of duplicity, has forfeited all claims for sympathy, and still proposes to go on in the same reckless career, few will feel called upon, in the hour of adversity, to lend the succoring hand.

In the "Retrospective" and "Prospective" palaver, preceding the announcement of the Scheme, no stone is left unturned which might pave the way for a favorable consideration of this ridiculous maneuver. But in retrospecting, our friends seem to have forgotten, or would have their readers forget, certain very material facts connected with past newspaper history in Bloomfield. No doubt they would be glad to blot from history's page the "patron fund" swindle, by which Bloomfield was bled to the extent of some five hundred dollars, ostensibly to establish a *Bloomfield paper*; that afterward it was proposed to divide the *Gazette* lost with Montclair, on the theory that Bloomfield couldn't support a paper alone! that when she naturally held aloof from a further cupping and leeching, the *Gazette*, concluded to and did end its career; that upon its collapse the people of Bloomfield recognized the newly established *Buxton* as their local paper, which proposed to eschew the leeching process in carrying on a newspaper; that a few weeks afterward, the *Gazette* was resurrected by the old management. These are the facts our neighbor should have made known in his "Retrospection," if he would have told the *unvarnished truth*.

Regarding the long drawn out, egotistic and false narrative of *Gazette*-martrydom, it would be a waste of words to comment upon it beyond one or two passing allusions. The lachrymose tale that sometimes articles had been passed over to the composers, set up, and then, upon proofreading, rejected at a loss of "many dollars" on account of their unsuitableness, is peculiarly touching. And this is cited as proof of the "quality and style" of this incomparable newspaper! to us it proves, granting it to be true, nothing further than a very puerile, slip-shod way of doing business.

The insinuation, hypocritically thrown out, that the Recomp is a low, vulgar, unrefined paper will be very apt, like the Australian boomerang, to come back again to the source whence it emanates, as we shall presently show. The files of the *Gazette* are appealed to as a "tesc" of "what may be expected from us hereafter." This is as it should be. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and we will casually glance over the number for Nov. 8th. There is a short "editorial note" on Smiles. It is a sweet, gushing affair, and would seem to have been inspired in the addled brain of a love-lorn youth of fifteen rather than that of a staid sexagenarian. This moreover winds up with an inquiry as to what lady in Montclair or Bloomfield has the handsomest smile, and invites confidential communications upon this subject. We turn away with disgust, feeling that such trash is a reprehensible way to reputable journalism.

Another "Note" invites attention to an original poem on the last page. Here are four lines which we quote as a fair specimen of this "poem," which unmistakably does "speak for itself":

The mite limit time and their pay rolls cut down,
The railway discharge, and their men seek employ;
The invent of some with their estate has grown,
And the state at large cur's at random a destroy.

We beg to inquire, By what stretch of poetical license can the verb "destroy" be coerced into doing duty as a noun in order in rhyme with "employ"? Under the so-called poem we have the "After-Dinner" items. The first one is a wicked slur on Christianity. Those that follow are all, without exception, either coarse, slangy, immoral or impious. They are apparently culled, not from legitimate exchanges, but from some stale patent medicine almanac.

And such is the make up of one column embracing, it must be admitted, a fair specimen of what we may expect hereafter. We could, if necessary, go on much further in showing up the sheer absurdity of the *Gazette*'s pretension to furnish Bloomfield with a "creditable," "reliable," "high-toned," "useful" journal. We have criticized too severely, it may be thought. Their needs handling with ungloved hands. And yet we honestly adhere to the precept of the golden rule: We do just as we would be done by;—would consider it a brotherly

act of mercy to be put out of [newspaper] existence and misery did we stand in the questionable situation we have depicted as the true position of the *Saturday Gazette*.

For the Good of Our Town.

MR. EDITOR: Since my last communication my attention has been called to the following paragraph from the *Christian at Work*: "The Rev. Mr. Mulford, an Episcopal clergyman of Troy, has undertaken a novel mission, being engaged in interviewing the keepers of liquor saloons and bars in that city with the object of inducing them to close their places voluntarily on the Sabbath. In a letter to the *Troy Times*, he says he has thus far found but one voice among them on the subject, and we imagine people generally will be surprised on being informed that nearly all of them are willing to close up on Sunday, provided the movement is made general. Mr. Mulford, therefore, appeals to the people of Troy to aid him in this new moral mission movement, instead of attempting to stop the Sunday liquor traffic by force, as is contemplated."

On reading the above, the thought arose in my mind, What a blessed thing it would be if a like result could be as easily secured in Bloomfield. How much better it would be if the saloons could be closed on Sunday by such means instead of a fight in the Courts!

I see also by an extract from a Chicago paper that the Christian men of one of the Divisions of that city having waked up to the fact that the emissaries of evil are working so much more faithfully and continually that the followers of the Saviour have come to the conclusion that it is time more severe measures were taken to counteract that influence. They see the saloons and billiard halls open every day in the week from morning till late at night; see them furnished in style to make them as attractive as possible, and feeling that something was needed to counteract the effect of the saloons, and some place where young men could spend their evenings without going to these dens, have taken measures to erect a building for that purpose and intend to fit it up as attractively as possible. There is to be a gymnasium, conveniences for innocent games, library, reading rooms, schoolrooms, etc.; instruction to be given in useful branches of study, music and singing: Committees from the different Churches to be in attendance at the rooms to help make them attractive. I suppose we could not go into so extensive a plan as this, but could our churches do a better work than by setting on foot a plan by which a room might be fitted up an opened evenings with a night-school connected with it; or the town could open a night school in a portion of the public building for the use of those who have no place to spend their evenings. I see such a school has been opened in Orange with an attendance of over 160. It does seem such a pity to see so many young boys spending their evenings around the Centre with no place but stores and saloons to pass away the time in.

I know the colored portion of our population are particularly desirous for an evening school and have appealed to some of our citizens to start one for their benefit; but it seems like too much of a tax for one individual to be called on to assume. It seems that a vast amount of good might be accomplished by such an effort and that the matter only needed to be brought to the attention of the philanthropic men of Bloomfield to be made to assume a tangible shape.

TEMPERANCE.

Music as an Element of Christian Worship.

The services in the Presbyterian Church Sabbath were of a peculiarly interesting character. The morning congregation was unusually large, numbers being present from the other churches in our village in expectation of hearing an address from Dr. Eben Tourjee, Director of the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, Mass.

After the arrival of Dr. Tourjee on Saturday evening the arrangements were changed in order that the address might be delivered in the afternoon instead of the morning, thus affording an opportunity to all the churches to avail themselves of the privilege of listening to such eminent authority on so important a subject. All the churches were well represented and listened with careful attention and deep interest to the theory brought forward by the learned Doctor, and with which there seemed to be a universal and hearty concurrence. The main object of the address seemed to be an exposition of the best means by which to put words in the mouths of all worshippers in the sanctuary.

Abd el Kadir,

The once renowned Algerian chieftain, is dead. He was the most distinguished leader of the Moors of Algiers in their prolonged struggle against France in the reign of Louis Philippe. Falling into the hands of his conquerors he was exiled to Syria and took up his residence in Damascus, where his high rank and fame as well as his zeal as a Mohammedan, secured for him great respect and influence with the people and government. Many Algerians also emigrated with him, and were subject to his control.

When the dreadful massacre occurred at Damascus in 1860, by which 2,500 Christians were slain, Abd el-Kadir displayed great humanity and moral bravery. Though a Moslem, he exerted to the utmost his influence to prevent the massacre, and was the means of saving many from the infuriated mob after it commenced.

I. O. O. F.—Official Visit.

On Tuesday evening last Olive Branch Lodge No. 57 made an official visit to Harlowe Lodge No. 17, in the pleasant town of Belleville. This Lodge does not boast of a large membership, but what it lacks in quantity is compensated in quality. It was particularly gratifying to notice among those present so many of the older members whose heads were silvered o'er, but no whit behind the young and energetic in the enjoyment of the occasion. A candidate was initiated in excellent style, the officers of Olive Branch assisting. The work was admirably done and the charges delivered in a manner not to be excelled anywhere.

An hour or more was passed mutual interchange of sentiment; universal good feeling prevailed and all parted, feeling that it had been time profitably spent. The officers and members of Olive Branch were very much gratified by the cordial reception and hospitable entertainment. It will long be remembered by them with pleasure. S.

Funeral of a Prominent Odd Fellow.

The funeral of Major Uzal Corby, who was accidentally run over in attempting to get off a train at the Montclair Depot, took yesterday, and was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

The remains were escorted from his late residence on Park street to the church and final resting place by the members of Wachung Lodge 134, I. O. O. F. of which Brother Corby was a member, Olive Branch Lodge 51, and members of other Lodges in large numbers. The services were held in the M. E. Church and the funeral ceremonies were performed in a most impressive manner by the Rev. Mr. Ayers. S.

We understand that a Praise Meeting is to be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening next, and that it is contemplated to have them once a month hereafter.

The collection taken last Sunday evening was unfortunately insufficient to defray the expenses of the meetings. This was probably owing to the fact that notice of a collection was not published. A collection will be taken at the meeting to be held next Sunday to make up the deficiency.

The Revival in Watseking.

Extra meetings at the Watseking Methodist Church were commenced Friday, Oct. 30th, some of the young men of the praying band from Drew Theological Seminary taking charge of the meetings. The service Friday afternoon was a Consecration meeting. In the evening there were several seeking Christ at the altar. One found peace the first night. The singing of the band was an attraction and delight to all. Some of the band remained over Monday and Wednesday nights, and the meetings continued. Up to Saturday six had found peace in Christ. The band came again Saturday night, six strong. As soon as they got off the 6:16 train they commenced a hymn of praise, and their spirited and excellent singing gave promise of what the meetings would be in that particular.

Saturday evening a stirring meeting was held, but there were apparently no seekers. Sunday morning an excellent sermon was preached by Rev. W. Eckersley, one of the band; after Sunday School a very touching prayer meeting was held. In the evening services commenced at 7 o'clock, and after a sermon by Rev. J. C. Russum, a number of exhortations were given, many fervent prayers were made, and a number of soul-stirring hymns were sung. At nine o'clock none had manifested a desire to find the Saviour, but soon after the Holy Spirit touched the hearts of the people, and in a few minutes six were kneeling at the altar.

Notwithstanding the times, the circulation of The Record is steadily increasing. This week it is found necessary to add two quires to our edition. We hope and expect, at the beginning of a new volume in January, to present you an enlarged and much improved newspaper.

Waiting rooms are asked for by horse car passengers to be established at the South Broad street terminus, at the Bloomfield stable in Mt. Prospect avenue, and in Bloomfield.

W. V. Snyder Nos. 727 & 729 Broad st., Newark open to-morrow a large stock of Dry Goods at panic prices, purchased at H. B. Chaffin & Co's.

The attention of the ladies is called to the advertisement of Fred. Maas, at the old stand of Mrs. Macknet, 835 Broad st., Newark.

See new advertisement of M. & J. Gomprecht.

Married.

McDowell—TIMANUS—At Fernandina, Fla., Wednesday, Nov. 12th, Mr. William O. McDowell to Miss Josephine R. Timanus.

Died.

SCHLESINGER—Montclair, Nov. 8th, 1873, Isaac D. Sigler aged 75 years.

Conary—Montclair, Nov. 10th, Uzal Corby, aged 60 years.

FLANNIGAN—Montclair, Nov. 7th, Ann Flannigan, aged 68 years.

RODGERS—Montclair, Nov. 8th, Thomas Rodgers, aged 68 years.

Cut This Out.

IT MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE.

There is no person living but what suffers more or less with Lung Diseases, Coughs, Colds, or Consumption, yet some die rather than pay 72 cents for a bottle of medicine that would cure them. Dr. A. Boschee's German Syrup has lately been introduced in this country from Germany, and its wonders can astonish every one that tries it. If you doubt what we say in print, cut this out and take it to George R. Davis, Druggist, and get a sample bottle free of charge, or a regular size for 75 cts.

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